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COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND SECURITY

Subcommittee on Human Rights

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Members will find attached a copy of the resolution adopted by the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Organisation on 'European Parliament resolution affecting ASEAN' which makes extensive reference to EP positions on human rights.

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H.E. Mr. Enrique Baron
President European Parliament

B r u s s e l s .

Excellency,

I am instructed by the 12th General Assembly of the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Organization (AIPO) held in Bangkok from 18 - 23 November 1991, to transmit to Your Excellency Resolution No. 12 GA/91/Res-P-03 on European Parliament Resolution affecting ASEAN, which was unanimously adopted by the General Assembly.

The 12th General Assembly considered it necessary to respond to the European Parliament Resolution of September 12, 1991, with regard to certain matters pertaining to ASEAN member countries, lest the absence of such a response may be misinterpreted as conceding to those misleading resolutions.

The General Assembly also called upon the European Parliament to adopt more constructive attitude in recognizing the plurality of political systems and their different manifestation of democratic expression.

The General Assembly recognized that Inter-Parliamentary dialogue between AIPO - EP had served to strengthen the ties and understanding between the two dynamic economic areas of the world.

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he General Assembly finally proposed that to facilitate the xchange of information between the two regional Parliamentary odies all communication between European Parliament and AIPO be hanneled through the office of the Secretary General of AIPO.

lease accept, Excellency the assurances of my highest onsiderations.

DR. JOHAN B.P. MARAMIS

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RESOLUTION

ON

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT RESOLUTION

AFFECTING ASEAN

The Twelfth General Assembly:

Noting the European Parliament Resolution of September 12, 1991 with regard to certain matters pertaining to ASEAN member countries,

Bearing in mind that matters relating to ASEAN member countries have been referred to in European Parliament resolutions in the past in a manner that invariably misrepresents the facts and circumstances,

Considering that continual refraining by AIPO in responding to these imbalanced European Parliament statements may be misinterprated as conceding to those misleading resolutions,

Mindful that such a situation requires rectification and allowing it to continue would be detrimental to fruitful AIPO-EP inter-parliamentary relations,

Recongizing that inter-parliamentary dialogues between AIPO-EP have served to strengthen the ties and understanding between the two dynamic economic areas of the world,

Recognizing further that AIPO-EP relations, with regard to international cooperation, encompass legitimate areas of mutual

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interest which include dialogue on the common universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms and the deepest concern with the present global environmental regression and deterioration,

Convinced that while human rights have universal relevance, there exist degrees of national competence in their expression and interpretation that derive from the values, philosophies and traditions of the ASEAN members and the principle of sovereignty of states and the principle of self-determination,

Regrets deeply the passing of judgement on those matters raised in the European Parliament Resolution of September 12, 1991 with regard to human rights, environmental and political democracy of national jurisdictional nature,

Regrets further the assumption by the EP of the role of sole arbiter on those matters and that these shape the realities of a world of dominating and interfering states,

Rejects the whole notion of conditionality that imposes upon economic and commercial transactions biased intepretations of human rights and environmental precepts,

Calls upon the European Parliament to adopt a more constructive attitude in recognizing the plurality of political systems and their differing manifestations of democratic expression,

Calls further upon the European Parliament too place legitimate human rights and environmental concerns within the United Nations Charter context of international cooperation between soverign states,

Calls upon the ASEAN governments to adoptt the policies that

reflect the legitimate interest and perceptions of the ASEAN member states on issues concerning human rights, environment, and political democracy,

Assigns the Secretary General of AIPO to transmit this AIPO Resolution in the most effective and expeditious manner and to undertake to establish the appropriate and necessary channels of communication between AIPO and EP to facilitate the exchange of information between these two regional parliamentary bodies.

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